City of Auburn Traffic Committee MINUTES

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

The Regular Session of the Traffic Committee was held in Room 10, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. with Chair Ruffcorn presiding and Deputy City Clerk Amy Lind taking the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL:

Committee Members Present: Chief John Ruffcorn, Chair, Bernie Schroeder, Dir. Of Public Works, Fred Vitas Planning Commission

Committee Members Absent: Bill Kirby, Robert Richardson

1. Approval of August 16, 2011 Minutes
MOTION: Schroeder/ Ruffcorn/ Approved by voice

2. Public Comment:

Sally Dawley spoke about speeding concerns at Magnolia and Hillmont related to school traffic. She said parked cars on both side on the street increase the danger. She said a stop sign would increase the ability to see oncoming traffic. Bernie Schroeder explained the process the City must follow before placing stop signs. The consensus was Chief Ruffcorn will enhance enforcement and continue to monitor the area.

ACTION ITEMS:

3. None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4. Stop sign at 550 High Street

Carie Huff, Public Works Engineer, said a tenant had brought forward this problem with the existing stop sign at 550 High Street. She said the territory is Cal Trans and after discussion with them, Cal Trans brought forward a new striping plan that should move forward as early as next week.

5. Three way stop sign at Lincoln and Electric

Bernie Schroeder said she looked into this issue and referred back to a 1999 Traffic Safety Analysis completed for East Lincoln Way. She said the report recommends against making this area a 3 way stop. She said there is not adequate sight distance. Chief Ruffcorn agreed that it would not be safe to have a 3 way stop at this intersection. Bernie concluded by saying it is her recommendation, from a safety standpoint is to not move forward with making this intersection a 3 way stop.

6. Two no-parking, red curb zones in West wood Hills-One on Westwood Drive and Incline Drive near 12020 Westwood Drive, the second on Westwood Drive near 12227 Westwood Drive

Bernie Schroeder said she and her Corporation Yard Supervisor both surveyed the area and agreed with the red curb zones requested. She said the work was expected to be completed today. Dan Lucas, of the Westwood Homeowners Association was in attendance, thanked the committee and said he would be reporting the update to the board meeting that night.

7. Parking at Dairy Rd near the entrance to Incline Drive

Fred Vitas brought forward this item. He said the cars parked on the side of Dairy above and below Incline Drive creates a problem. Bernie said the east side of Dairy Road is in the County.

Future Agenda Items

Chief Ruffcorn spoke about the new written warning system the Police Department has implemented. He said this program is designed to educate the public. He said they are receiving a lot of positive feedback. He said he will bring this back to a future agenda with stats on the program.

Adjournment at 9:02 a.m.